

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47) today supported House Resolution 1032, condemning the extreme violence by Mexican drug cartels that has plagued America's southwest border with Mexico. The bill supports the United States and Mexico's ongoing efforts to curtail violence along the border, reduce arms trafficking, and diminish the overall demand for drugs throughout North America.

"As Vice Chair of the House Homeland Security Committee, I have been a strong advocate for securing America's border with Mexico. Part of that strategy must include stopping ruthless Mexican drug cartels, which bring terror and instability to local communities on both sides of the border. In addition to condemning these organizations, we have to take concrete action to diminish their influence by combating human, weapons, and drug trafficking along the border and encourage economic development and trade in Mexico. Only then will we get to the root cause of the violence and eliminate a significant threat to our homeland security."

*In the 111th Congress, Rep. Sanchez has been a leader in securing America's border with Mexico. She has met with Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano to provide guidance on critical issues, including escalating violence along the U.S.-Mexico border. In 2009, Rep. Sanchez visited the U.S.-Mexico border at El Paso and Cd. Juarez, where border violence has been the worst. There, she received multiple briefings from Mexican military officials as well as federal law enforcement about escalating drug cartel violence.*

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